NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT WASTEWATER

PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO STATE WATERS

PERMIT NO.: WA-003203-4

APPLICANT: WestFarm Foods

PO Box 79007 Seattle, WA 98119

FACILITY: WestFarm Foods – Issaguah

611 N Front Street Issaquah, WA 98027

WestFarm Foods – Issaquah has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

WestFarm Foods – Issaquah presently operates a dairy product manufacturing plant. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed to allow the discharge of non-contact cooling water (without additives) to the East Fork of Issaquah Creek.

A tentative determination has been made to reauthorize this permit based on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, email at sper@ecy.wa.gov

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office 3190 - 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Email comments should be sent to tmil461@ecy.wa.gov.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Tricia Miller at (425) 649-7201 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.

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